

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2 and 3 as follows –

2. (Twice Amended) A method of packing a glass base material of an optical fiber, comprising:

 putting said glass base material having a cylindrical shape over its whole length into a plastic bag; and

 packing said glass base material which has been put in a plastic bag into a cylindrical container, which container is rigid enough to withstand a load from said glass base material.

3. (Twice Amended) A method of packing a glass base material of an optical fiber, comprising:

 rolling up said glass base material having a cylindrical shape over its whole length with air packing material that contains air inside; and

 packing said glass base material rolled up with said air packing material into a cylindrical container, which container is rigid enough to withstand a load from said glass base material.
